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Subject: End of Day -- December 14, 2018

Have a great weekend!

PRESS

CurbedSF (Chris Roberts) [Received 12/14] – CLOSED – Reporter was following up to see if EPA still wanted to comment on then TetraTech employees allegedly implicated in data falsification at Hunters Point who are working on Navy sites. EPA does not comment on Navy contracts. SFD, NorCal, Nahal Mogharabi

Reuters (Sharon Bernstein) [Received 12/12] – OPEN – Reporter was following up on request to view some of the cleanup work in the Paradise area, and interest in a separate story about contamination from wildland fires entering more urbanized areas. SFD, Norcal, Rusty Harris-Bishop

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media:

Navajo Nation/Stoves – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about the cleaner stoves program for Navajo Nation and linked to our web story, [EPA and Partners Bring Custom-Designed Cleaner-Burning Stoves to Navajo Homes](#).

Web Updates:

Tribes/Water – Published new information and documents in our [Region 9 Tribal Clean Water Act Programs and Grants](#) web area.

Underground Injection Control – Completed routine maintenance in our [Underground Injection Control in Region 9](#) web area.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ): Sen. Jon Kyl will resign from the Senate on December 31st, leaving Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey (R) to fill late Sen. John McCain's seat for a second time. Ducey's office announced Friday that Kyl's resignation letter was hand-delivered to his office on Thursday afternoon. The Governor's office said that he'll make an announcement about appointing Kyl's replacement "in the near future" to fill the last two years of Sen. John McCain's term.

Sen. Feinstein Staff Inquiry on Cargill and a Forthcoming Jurisdictional Decision/Determination: On Thursday, Brent Maier received an inquiry from John Murray in Sen. Feinstein's San Francisco Office. John stated that a constituent had contacted the Senator's office asking about the Cargill facility in the South Bay and an upcoming jurisdictional decision as to whether Cargill was subject to WOTUS. John wanted to confirm his understanding that EPA intervened with the ACOE and stated that EPA would be making the determination. The constituent who he did not name also told the Senator's office that they were hearing that EPA was going to be issuing an opinion on this in the near future. Brent reached out to Office of Regional Counsel's Sylvia Quast and will follow up with John Murray following any guidance/information provided by Sylvia. (N. Ca – WTR)

Western Caucus Chairman Paul Gosar (R-AZ-4) Op-Ed: Link to Western Caucus Chairman Paul Gosar's op-ed in The Hill regarding the new EPA proposal that reverses the Obama Administration's land and water grab commonly referred to as WOTUS. <https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/energy-environment/420773-epa-proposal-will-provide-a-balanced-way-to-protect?fbclid=IwAR1I2egK1m9-X-fArNY6qAbWCz5UbMCOsWKsMti8hmw7SQXN1P6mE-asGhc>

Upcoming Congressional Meetings/Calls, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

Tuesday, December 20, 2018 – San Francisco Supervisor-Elect Shamann Walton: Supervisor-Elect Walton for the 10th San Francisco District reached out to Superfund's John Chesnutt to request a meeting with to discuss testing at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. The meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2018.

Thursday – Friday, January 10 – 11, 2019 - EPA Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC): The LGAC will have their next face to face meeting January 10 -11, 2019 at EPA Headquarters. A New Members Orientation session will be held for new and returning Members. The public meeting will feature Senior EPA officials and a panel of Assistant Administrators from the EPA Program offices. Also, there will be an Intergovernmental Forum with guest speakers of national intergovernmental organizations for a featured discussion on risk communication and local governments. The LGAC Water Workgroup will meet December 10th 4:30-5:30 pm which will feature Eric Burneson, Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, to give an update on drinking water and toxic algal blooms. The meeting will also feature a presentation by Betsy Behl with the Office of Science and Technology on innovative detection and monitoring technologies. The Revitalizing Communities Workgroup will hold a preparatory call on Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. to discuss and provide feedback on the January LGAC agenda. OCIR will soon announce a solicitation to fill LGAC and SCAS 2019. Eligible membership includes nominees who currently serve in elected or appointed office of state, local and tribal government. It is anticipated that there will be up to 15 vacancies to fill in 2019 on the LGAC. OCIR Contact: Fran Eargle

Wednesday – Friday, January 23 – 25, 2019 - U.S. Conference of Mayors 2019 Winter Meeting: The US Conference of Mayors will convene its 87th Winter Meeting in Washington, DC January 23 – 25, 2019. Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin (Columbia, SC), serves as President, and will preside. Mayors Bryan K. Barnett (Rochester Hills, MI) and Greg Fischer (Louisville, KY) are Vice President and Second Vice President, respectively. Resolutions are not considered during the Winter Meeting. However, Policy Committees (including the Environment Committee, Chaired by Mayor Francis X Suarez, Miami, FL) are expected to convene in Concurrent Working Sessions throughout the conference. The Mayors Water Council will convene on Wednesday January 23rd. Mayors David J. Berger (Lima, OH), and Jill Techel (Napa, CA) are Co-Chairs. The Council has invited Dave Ross, Assistant Administrator for Water, and Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator, to address the mayors on EPA's Priorities and provide updates. Both spoke to the convening during the 2018 Winter Meeting. It is anticipated that OW leadership will provide brief overviews and spend the remainder of their time responding to questions and engaging in dialogue with the mayors. Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) staff will work with OW and USCM staff to finalize the details of this appearance. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon